

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and
- WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders; and
- WHEREAS, treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and
- WHEREAS, substance use and addiction result in huge societal and economic costs, where it was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the U.S. is \$276 billion a year; and
- WHEREAS, while the toll that substance abuse takes on family and friends of the individual battling with addiction is immeasurable, hope and recovery are still possible through treatment programs, support programs, and counseling; and
- WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside time to celebrate the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in recovery, as well as recognize those who have dedicated their professional lives to helping people recover from addiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 2001, as

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 11th day of June, 2001.

Frank O'Bannon

BY THE GOVERNOR: Frank O'Bannon
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

